



Deciding What You Want
(What Does Your Family Want?)

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Big Question: How much **can** your family accomplish?

Side Question: How much does your family **want** to accomplish?

Matthew 20:20–28 (NKJV): **20** Then the mother of Zebedee's sons **came to Him** with her sons, kneeling down and **asking something from Him**. **21** And He said to her, "**What do you wish?**" She said to Him, "**Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.**"

22 But Jesus answered and said, "**You do not know what you ask. Are you able** to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "**We are able.**"

23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is **not Mine to give**, but **it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.**"

**Seven Observations About The
Zebedee Family's Decision**

- 1.** They **came** to Jesus (v20)
 - They showed initiative and self-motivation (e.g. Matthew 25)
- 2.** They came to **ask** Jesus for leadership opportunity (v20)
 - They wanted big opportunities (The Prayer of Jabaz, I Chronicles 4:10)
 - **Question:** What do you want? Do you **just** want to go to church?
 - They came as a family. (God responds to groups; Matthew 18:1)

Note: v20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons **came to Him** with her sons, kneeling down and **asking something from Him**.

- 3.** Jesus **asked them** what they wanted (v21)
 - This was a two-way conversation (How specific are you about what you want?)
 - Jesus asked the disciples of John this same question (**John 1:38, What do you want?**)
- 4.** They **answered** Jesus (v21, We are able; they are confident)
 - **Question:** What have you proven you can do?



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5. Jesus said they were **naive** (v22)

- **Question:** What area of life are you not experienced in?

6. They responded they were **able** to swallow the challenge (v22)

- **Question:** What are you really **able** and **qualified** to do?

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7. Jesus said, I can’t just **give** it to you, it is for specific people (v23)

- **Question:** What do you want God to give to you that you are not prepared for?

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Conclusion: Are you willing to say what Joshua said about his family?

“But as for **me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**” Joshua 24:15b

Next Time: Deciding to Deal With My Tough Issues

My Sexual Issues

My Relationship Issues

My Vocational (Career or Job) Issues